

## MYANMAR (BURMA)

## STRATEGIC FOCUS

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) office was formally established at the U.S. Embassy in Yangon, Myanmar in January 2015. In 2016, the PEPFAR planning level for Myanmar is \$10 million, of which approximately one-third reflects CDC's contribution (\$3.25 million) through technical assistance.

CDC supports Myanmar's focused approach to achieving its 90-90-90 targets by 2030: 90% of people with HIV diagnosed, 90% of them on ART, and 90% of them virally suppressed by 2030. Through PEPFAR, CDC supports the National AIDS Program, the National Health Laboratory, and other partners to develop strategies and operational guidelines for HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment and strengthen surveillance systems and laboratory systems.

## KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- PEPFAR support in Myanmar focuses on technical assistance and targeted support to improve the cascade of HIV prevention, testing and treatment, especially for key populations affected by high HIV prevalence, limited access, and low coverage of HIV services.
- Working in close collaboration with the Ministry of Health and other partners, CDC provides technical assistance to develop national strategies to increase the yield of HIV testing (number of cases detected), increase early enrollment in treatment, and achieve high rates of retention in treatment services for those who are HIV infected.
- CDC provided technical support to develop the HIV Testing Guidelines and update Treatment Guidelines in Myanmar, including the transition to Test and Start for all persons living with HIV (PLHIV) in 2017.
- CDC- Myanmar is working with key partners (National AIDS Program, National Health Laboratory) to strengthen HIV testing quality control systems, increase access to HIV viral load technology, and improve training on viral load testing and monitoring in order to reduce the transmission of HIV.
- CDC provided technical assistance to support implementation and review of surveillance surveys, especially among key populations.

## Key Country Leadership

Prime Minister:  
Htin Kyaw

Minister of Health:  
Myint Htwe

U.S. Ambassador:  
Scot Marciel

PEPFAR Coordinator:  
Carrie Whitlock

CDC/DGHT Director:  
Dora Warren

## Country Quick Facts

Per Capita GNI:  
\$1,160 (2015)

Population:  
53.897 Million (2015)

Under 5 Mortality:  
50/1,000 live births (2015)

Life Expectancy:  
66 years (2014)

## Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic

Estimated HIV Prevalence  
(Ages 15-49): 0.8% (2015)

Estimated AIDS Deaths  
(Age ≥15): 9,300 (2015)

Estimated Orphans Due to  
AIDS: 110,000 (2015)

Reported Number  
Receiving Antiretroviral  
Therapy (ART) (Age ≥15):  
99,404 (2015)

Global Tuberculosis  
(TB) Epidemic

TB Treatment Success Rate:  
87% (2014)

Estimated TB Incidence:  
365/100,000 (2015)

Estimated Who are HIV  
Positive: 9% (2015)

## Country Staff: 3

Locally Employed Staff: 2  
Direct Hires: 1  
Fellows & Contactors: 0